

New York, Oct. 25.—Silver, 67 3/8c; lead, \$7.00@7.10; spelter, \$10.00@10.25; copper, \$27.50@28.00.

WEATHER—Utah: Fair Tonight and Thursday With Rising Temperature.

Lightning Blow At Verdun Sweeps German Forces Back Four and a Half Miles

The French have maintained the important ground they won yesterday in their coup north of Verdun, the war office announced today.

Last night parts of the regained territory which includes Fort Douaumont and stretches along a front of more than four miles at points nearly two miles inside the former German lines, were subjected to a German counter attack.

The French held their ground, however, according to Paris, repulsing the German assaults, which were delivered in efforts to recapture the Haumont quarries, west of Douaumont, and the Damloup battery southeast of Vaux. This command at Fort Douaumont is among the prisoners taken by the French, which preliminary report placed at 35,000 men. Fort Vaux is still in German hands, but the French lines run beyond it on both sides.

Rain is interfering with operations of the Somme front. Only artillery actions are reported in that area.

Important Move in Balkans. Today's French official report announces an important military move in the Balkans, where Italian cavalry from southern Albania has formed a junction with cavalry and artillery from the entente front in Macedonia. This gives the entente an unbroken front of 250 miles across the southern Balkan peninsula from Avlona, Albania, on the Adriatic, to the mouth of the Struma river, east of Saloniki, on the Aegean coast.

Berlin military critics pointed to the capture of Predeal, reported yesterday, as marking the loss by the Rumanians of the natural mountainous defenses on their Transylvanian frontier. This success of the Austro-German forces, it is commented, puts them in a position to move down upon the Rumanian plains toward Bucharest, while Field Marshal von Mackensen in Dobruja is pressing closely upon Tchernavoda on the Danube, the gateway to interior Rumania from the southeast.

Total casualties in the Russian army since June 1 are placed at 1,737,522 in figures given out today by a semi-official news agency in Berlin, declared to have been taken from the latest reports of the Russian central identification bureau at Kiev.

The process of closing in on Rumania from both sides is being continued by the armies of the central powers. Tchernavoda on the Danube and Vulcan pass on the Transylvanian border have been captured.

The loss of Tchernavoda by the Russo-Rumanian forces to Field Marshal von Mackensen's victorious armies is conceded by Petrograd, which announced the evacuation of this important town, from which stretches the only bridge across the Danube from Dobruja, carrying the railway line running into interior Rumania.

Important entente forces evidently remain on the Dobruja side of the Danube, as Petrograd mentions the continued retreat of Russo-Rumanian troops northward along the Black sea coast. Berlin comments that the loss of Tchernavoda deprives them of their last railroad communication.

The Austro-German success on the north likewise is important, as opening another route into Rumania from Transylvania for General von Falkenhayn's forces. This pass penetrates the Transylvanian Alps half way between the Iron Gate of the Danube and Rotherthurn pass below Hermannstadt.

Paris, Oct. 24, 11:45 p. m.—Verdun, long lost sight of, springs suddenly and unexpectedly today in the forefront of the public mind which exclusively had been directed towards the battle on the Somme front. The German front on the right bank of the Meuse literally was swept away for a distance of four and a half miles like straw before the wind.

General Neville for weeks has been watching the German movements like a lynx, carefully calculating the effect of every withdrawal of troops for transfer to the Somme and eastern fronts. At the same time he quietly made his preparations and when he judged the Germans had weakened their defenses to the danger front he struck like lightning. The result was one of the most brilliant operations of the campaign.

The Germans, who yesterday were pressing close upon the inner line of defenses at Fort Souville and Tavan, have now been driven beyond the outer defenses of Fort Douaumont. Vaux line. Vaux fort remains in the possession of the Germans, but the French line extends beyond it on the north at Vaux village and Puntin wood and also on the south of it at Damloup battery and Chenois wood from both of which positions it can readily be attacked.

The French artillery preparation was brief but intense, and was over before the German commanders had time to bring up reinforcements, even if they were available. The assault, French waves caught them before the Germans recovered from their surprise and swept over trench after trench, sending prisoners in all lines to the rear.

French losses were very light, it is believed, even lighter than any recorded in the attacks on the Somme front.

News of the success has caused tremendous public enthusiasm here and this is all the greater because of the general impression that Verdun was over and done with and that

both sides were contenting themselves with holding what they had won. Today's operation, proving that the French could strike a smashing blow at Verdun while carrying on an extended offensive operation on the Somme, has greatly increased public confidence and has gone far to lessen the depression caused by the loss of Constanza.

Paris, Oct. 25, 5:45 a. m.—The French attack at Verdun apparently took the Germans completely by surprise and not at one point did they succeed in stopping the impetuous rush. In three hours the French recaptured ground, to gain which required months of patient effort by the Germans, including such positions as Douaumont fort and Thiaumont work, which in the past were won and lost repeatedly.

The official French account of the battle, every word of which was weighed carefully, does not say the German line was forced back, but that it was "burst." Later details of the French victory shows that its extent was as much of a surprise to the Germans as it must have been to the entente. General Petain regarded the front east of the Meuse as too cramped, and suggested to General Nivelle, the commander at Verdun, that he give himself more elbow room. With that end in view, infantry was sent up to reinforce the French and artillery was ordered for the establishment of new batteries. The aviation department was commissioned to make an exhaustive survey of the positions of the German batteries and points of assembly. This work was carried out and the secret was kept so well that all appearances the Germans never had an inkling of what was in prospect. Furthermore, they evidently believed the energies of the French were being absorbed by the battle of the Somme, and made no preparations to meet a thrust at Verdun. Thus it came about that what was intended for a small maneuver became a brilliant tactical success.

The attack was planned for ten days ago. Artillery began preliminary work, but rainy weather set in and grand headquarters ordered a postponement. When the time came the attack was delivered by four columns of a division each, first on the left bank on the southern slopes of Pepper hill and Thiaumont farm. This met with little difficulty. The attackers carried Thiaumont work and farm and the Haumont quarries set and the French advanced about a mile.

The second column was a colonial division under Colonel Mangin from the corps which retook Douaumont fort last May. The task assigned it was to take hill 320, northeast of Fleury, and the edge of Callette wood. The offensive there was even more rapid than on the left wing. Colonel Mangin immediately saw he could advance farther and the commanding officer was therefore informed that preparations had been made to continue the attack. Hill 320 was rushed by troops from Fleury which approached Callette wood through the approaches to Douaumont fort. Everywhere the Germans gave way before them. However, the garrison of the fort hurriedly prepared to defend the important point confided to it. French troops surrounded the fort and extended their gains everywhere without an instant's delay. Fatigue parties set to work, turning the defenses so as to be ready to assist counter attacks west of the fort. The village of Douaumont had been carried at a run and passed beyond. Meanwhile a stiff struggle went on between the French and the defenders of the fort. The Germans refused to surrender and the French killed nearly all of them before they forced their way in the ruins.

Third Column Advances. Things went equally well on the right. The third column advanced half a mile, reaching the edge of Vaux Pond and carrying the part of the Vaux-Chapelle wood still held by the enemy and also Puntin wood. The column stopped north of these woods on the outskirts of the village of Vaux.

The fourth column, which was ordered to operate in the vicinity of Vaux fort without taking it, followed out the program exactly. It drove out the Germans from Chenois and La Fee woods, captured Damloup battery and pushing ahead, encircling Vaux fort on the east, south and west, so that the defenders have no way of issue except to the north.

French Gains Maintained. Paris, Oct. 25.—Noon.—The Germans made a counter attack north of Verdun last night in an effort to regain ground won by the French in yesterday's assault. They attempted to re-capture the Haumont quarries and the Damloup battery. The war office announces that in both cases they were repulsed.

The French gains were maintained. The German officer in command at Fort Douaumont is among the prisoners taken.

French Deal Staggering Blow. London, Oct. 25, 5:58 a. m.—Although the French communications announcing the recapture by the French of the fort of Douaumont and the Haumont quarries and the smashing of the German line over a four and one-third mile front north of Verdun reached London, all the morning

pers comment exultantly in special late editions, too late for comment in the early editions.

The Times says: "This strikes a severe blow at German prestige and shows the German staff the danger of weakening its lines in the west. The victory will disquiet the enemy, hearten the Russo-Rumanian armies and inspire all the allies with fresh confidence."

Grinding Germany in the Mill. The Daily Telegraph asserts: "The French have dealt a staggering blow, putting a finishing touch to the story of the heavy British blow delivered in the past week-end. The victory proves what point of mastery our troops have attained in the business of grinding Germany in the mill."

Russian Attacks Fail. Berlin, Oct. 25.—By wireless to Sayville.—The official account of operations on the Russian and Galician fronts issued today says: "A Russian gas attack on the Shara failed. An attack of Russian battalions near Kolostrov, northwest of Lutsk, was without any success whatever."

In the southern part of the Carpathian forests there were minor engagements. Positions on the heights which we had captured remained in our possession."

Rumanians Admit Defeat. Bucharest, Oct. 25.—Via London, 2:51 p. m.—Rumanian forces operating in the Black sea province of Dobruja have retired to the north of the Danube town of Tchernavoda, according to the Rumanian official statement today.

Assaults on the Somme Fail. Berlin, Oct. 25.—(By wireless to Sayville)—The war office announced today that an attack made on the Verdun front by the French yesterday gained ground for them. French assaults on the Somme front were without success.

The statement reads: "Army group of Crown Prince Rupprecht—Because of rainy weather yesterday fighting activity in the Somme sector diminished. There was a temporary increase, however, in the artillery fire. During the evening hours partial attacks by the French from the Les Bouteaux-Rancourt line broke down with losses before our entanglements, ending without success. "Army group of the German crown prince—On the northeastern front at Verdun, a French attack as far as Fort Douaumont which was in flames, gained ground."

Rain on Belgian Front. London, Oct. 25, 12:29 p. m.—The official report of today at the Franco-Belgian front follows: "Heavy rain fell during the whole of yesterday. During the night the enemy's artillery was active north-east of Courcellette and along the Pozieres-Bapaume road (Somme front)."

RAILROAD MAKES NEW CONCESSIONS

Canadian Pacific Railway Company Hope to Avert Strike Set for Tonight.

Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 25.—The Canadian Pacific Railway company drew up a new schedule this morning and submitted it to the representatives of the conductors and trainmen for approval. This schedule contained several important concessions, but in the opinion of the men the concessions do not warrant them calling off the strike set for tonight. Negotiations, however, are proceeding.

Grant Hall, vice president and general manager of the Canadian Pacific railway, D. C. Coleman, assistant to the general manager, and C. Murphy, general superintendent, represented the company at the conference with the men. After sitting fifteen hours in session, with only one brief interval, the conference adjourned for two hours this morning.

The men's representatives are S. N. Berry, vice president of the Order of Railway Conductors; James Murdoch, vice president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen; D. R. Chester, Winnipeg, and E. H. Cooke, Moose Jaw.

GERMANS TAKE VULCAN PASS

Attack on Transylvanian Front Progresses—Positions Are Taken by Storm.

MACKENSEN PURSUING

Tchernavoda Taken and Russians Deprived of Last Railroad Communication.

Berlin, Oct. 25, by wireless to Sayville.—Vulcan pass on the Transylvanian front has been captured by General von Falkenhayn's army, the war office announced today.

In Dobruja, pursuit of the Russians and Rumanians continues. Tchernavoda was captured this morning, depriving the Russians and Rumanians of their last railroad communication in Dobruja.

The announcement follows: "On the eastern Transylvanian front there were local engagements. The situation is unchanged. "North of Kimpolung our attack progressed. Vulcan pass was taken by storm by German and Austro-Hungarian troops."

In Dobruja Field Marshal von Mackensen's army group is continuing the pursuit of the enemy as planned. "Tchernavoda was captured this morning. No details are yet known. By this the Russian forces operating in Dobruja have been deprived of their last railroad communication and exceedingly important success has been gained."

Quiet prevails on the Macedonian front.

Rumanians in Retreat. Bucharest, Oct. 25, via London, 1:34 p. m.—A further retirement by Rumanian forces on the Transylvanian front is announced by the war office. The Rumanians near Predeal and Kimpolung, the statement says, were forced to fall back a little.

Russo-Rumanians Routed. Sofia, Oct. 24, via London, Oct. 25.—Continuation of the pursuit of the routed Rumanian and Russian armies in Dobruja by the victorious Bulgarian, German and Turkish forces is reported in today's official announcement regarding operations on the Rumanian front as follows: "In Dobruja the energetic pursuit of the routed enemy was continued on the 23d. Allied Teutonic troops on the right wing, repulsing the enemy, reached the line of the village of Tzara Murat and the village of Dokuz. Our cavalry near Islam Tepe attacked a Rumanian brigade and near the village of Tzara Murat dispersed Rumanian Territorial Battalion Number 275, capturing the commander of the brigade and a flag, and the commander of a Russian battalion and 800 men."

Railway Material Seized. "Our Fourth Infantry Division after stubborn fighting occupied the town of Medjidie where it seized a great quantity of railway material. "On the left wing reached the line running from the Medjidie-Hosang height to the village of Rasovo (on the Danube). The enemy sustained heavy sanguinary losses on Monday. Fifty officers, more than 3000 men, four guns, 30 machine guns, three bomb throwers, five locomotives and 200 railway cars were captured."

Along the Danube there has been artillery and infantry firing at some places.

"Between October 19 and October 23 our total captures were 75 officers and 6693 men."

ITALIANS JOIN ENTENTE FORCES

Allies Now Have Unbroken Front Across Balkan Peninsula to Adriatic Sea.

Paris, Oct. 25, noon.—Italian cavalry from southern Albania formed a junction yesterday with cavalry and artillery from the entente forces on the Macedonian front, the war office announced today.

Italian forces occupied the Albanian seaport of Avlona before Italy entered the war against Austria. No further operations of consequence were undertaken by the Italians for some time but in the last few months there have been occasional reports that reinforcements were being sent to Albania and that Italian detachments were pushing their way eastward. Southern Albania is regarded by Greece as within its sphere of influence and towns in this region have been under control of Greek officers. The Greek representatives were required to withdraw from the towns taken over by the Italians.

There has been no accurate information heretofore as to the extent of the Italian advance, but it is evident from today's French announcement that this movement, as well as the extension westward of the Macedonian front, has been carried forward more rapidly than previous advances had indicated. The entente allies now have an unbroken front across the Balkan peninsula from the Aegean sea at the mouth of the Struma river, to the Adriatic at Avlona, a distance of 250 miles.

SHE'S CALLED LADY DAVE WARFIELD NOW



Emma Dunn.

Her wonderful art of impersonating the most lovable old ladies has won for Emma Dunn the title of the "female David Warfield." Miss Dunn though in her early thirties has been playing the old lady parts with great success and her latest has been in "Old Lady Thirty-One."

LARGE CAMPAIGN FUND FOR WEST

Republican Treasurer Reports \$387,163.36 Already Spent to Elect Charles E. Hughes.

Chicago, Oct. 25.—Fred W. Uppham, treasurer of the western Republican national headquarters, announced that he had received a total of \$387,163.36 in campaign contributions up to the close of business Saturday October 21, and that this sum had been expended in the western department which includes the territory between the west line of Ohio and the Pacific coast. He has forwarded to the clerk of the house of representatives at Washington, D. C., a detailed report of the contributions and expenditures as required by law.

He will make another report just before election day and a final statement within ten days after election. Eight years ago a total of \$548,000 was collected and expended in the Republican campaign in the western territory.

RUMANIANS AND RUSS IN RETREAT

Field Marshal Von Mackensen's Army Continuing Attack All Along Dobruja Front.

Petrograd, Oct. 25, via London, 2:30 p. m.—The Rumanians and Russians have evacuated the Danube town of Tchernavoda, in Dobruja, the war office announced today.

The statement says Field Marshal von Mackensen's army is continuing its attack all along the Dobruja front. The Russo-Rumanian position at Lake Tschaul, near the Black sea coast, about twelve miles north of Constanza, also has been evacuated.

South of Dorna Watra near the frontier junction of Bukovina, Transylvania and Rumania, the Russians dislodged the Austro-German forces from a series of heights, the official announcement reports, taking some prisoners and two machine guns.

Constantinople, Oct. 25, via London, 3:05 p. m.—"In the Rumanian province of Dobruja," says the official statement issued today by the Turkish war department, "we continue to pursue with success the defeated enemy."

COTTON HIGHEST SINCE CIVIL WAR

New York, Oct. 25.—Cotton in the futures market sold today above twenty cents a pound, the May option rising 22 points to 20.01, the highest price it has touched since the civil war.

The advance carried prices \$7.90 a bale above the low level of last Wednesday. The strength in the late trading yesterday seemed to attract many overnight buying orders, and the demand was further stimulated by the census report on ginning to October 18. Few traders had anticipated that the out-turn would amount to less than 7,500,000 bales, but the official figures placing the total at 7,291,000 bales seemed to increase the confidence in bullish estimates of the crop.

FIVE NORWEGIAN SHIPS TORPEDOED

German Submarines Continue to Send Neutral Vessels to Bottom.

SHIPPING SHARES DROP

Sensational Rumors Current Regarding Relations Between Norway and Germany.

London, Oct. 25.—The sinking by German submarines of five more Norwegian steamships, valued at about 5,000,000 kroner, is reported in an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Christiania.

Shipping shares dropped considerably on the Christiania Exchange today. The steamers Alix and Ring and the schooner Theodore, together with the Swedish schooners Antonette and Henriette are among the latest submarine victims, adds the despatch.

The Tidesmen of Christiania states that one boat with six men from the Norwegian steam Ravn reported sunk by a German submarine in the Arctic on September 27 has been listed, while another boat with eleven men on board reached a lonely part of the Russian Murman coast, after drifting 13 hours.

News agency reports from Copenhagen through London last night reported that sensational rumors were current regarding the relations between Norway and Germany. German submarines were declared to be waging a persistent war on Norwegian shipping and one account stated that five German submarines had established a regular blockade off the Norwegian coast. The reply to Germany's protest against Norway's stand with regard to submarines in Norwegian waters was under discussion, the agency added, but it was said that the Norwegian government organ in referring to the relations between Norway and Germany declared it might be assumed that the German protest was so couched as not to bear the character of an ultimatum.

NO CHANGE ON STRUMA FRONT

Artillery Fighting Continues Between Lake Presba and River—Enemy Advance Stops.

Sofia, Tuesday, Oct. 24.—Via London, Oct. 25, 11:35 a. m.—"There was no change in the situation on the Macedonian front," the war office announced today. "Between Lake Presba and the Struma there was unimportant artillery fighting. An attempt of the enemy to advance on Tarnova was stopped at the outset."

"On the Struma front there was considerable activity on the part of reconnoitering parties and artillery firing at some places."

"On the Aegean coast an enemy cruiser bombarded without result for two hours, the Gulf of Kermidli, west of the mouth of the Mesta."

"The German aviator Lieutenant von Enwegek, after a half hour's fighting, brought down a British aeroplane, the pilot of which was wounded, the observer unwounded and captured."

ITALIANS KEEP UP FIERCE FIRE

Furious Artillery and Mine Fighting Still Raging on Coastal Front.

Vienna, Oct. 24, via London, Oct. 25, 9:05 a. m.—"On the coastal front the Italian gun and mine fire continues, especially on Doberdo plateau, where there is fierce artillery and mine fighting," says the official announcement issued here today.

"Our airmen successfully bombed a large camp near Sugana."

"There were no developments on the Voyusa (in Albania north of Avlona)."

"On the front of Archduke Charles Francis, Austro-Hungarian troops after a bitter fight took Predeal (in Rumania near the Hungarian border) and made 600 prisoners. South of Rotherthurn pass our attack is progressing."

IRON GRIP ON THE RUMANIANS

Central Powers Tightening Grasp in Two Important Places in Dobruja.

PREDEAL A CLIMAX

Loss of Passes Spells Capture of Natural Western Fortifications in Rumania.

Berlin, Oct. 24, 6:30 p. m.—Via London, Oct. 25, 6:45 a. m.—The iron grip of the central powers upon Rumania has tightened in two important notches with the capture of Medjidie and Rashova, in Dobruja, and of Predeal, on the Transylvania border. The conquests of these important places have been achieved with surprising speed.

Military men as usual refuse to prophesy as to other developments of the campaign against Rumania, but appear confident that all will come in due time.

With the capture of Constanza, the Rumanians lost their principal seaport, while the taking of Medjidie and Rashova now places Tchernavoda in a critical position and, in military opinion here, threatens Rumania more than ever.

The capture of Predeal comes as a climax to the recent forcing of a number important mountain passes from Transylvania into Rumania, so that the central powers appear to be nearly in a position to sweep down upon the Rumanian plains and attack the heart of the country.

Predeal and the passes behind it spell the loss to Rumania of its natural western fortifications formed by the mountains of Transylvania. Medjidie and Rashova, if they lead to the capture of Tchernavoda, denote with the fall of Turtukai and Siliustria the removal of artificial barriers to Rumania across its last natural remaining fortification, the Danube river.

SEAPLANES BOMB MILITARY WORKS

Austrian Flyers Capsized and Sent to Earth on Italian Coast.

Paris, Oct. 25, 12:45 p. m.—Squadrons of French and Italian seaplanes have bombed Austrian military works in three places on the west coast of Istria and escaped unscathed, says an official announcement of the Italian war office today. An aerial battle between the French hydro-aeroplanes and Austrian seaplanes in which one of the Austrian machines was capsized and another fell into a lagoon at Baselge, on the Italian coast near Caorle, also is reported. The Austrian squadron had been throwing bombs on Caorle.

The official statement follows: "Italian and French seaplane squadrons have visited the west coast of Istria and bombed military works at Salvo, Umago and Citta Nuova. All returned unscathed."

"At the same time French hydro-aeroplanes attacked a squadron of Austrian seaplanes which had bombed Caorle. All the enemy machines were hit. One capsized and another fell into Baselge lagoon, the observer being badly wounded and the pilot made prisoner."

CASUALTIES OF RUSSIAN ARMY

Berlin Estimates 1,757,922 Enemy Losses Since June 1

Berlin, Oct. 25, by wireless to Sayville.—There have been 1,757,922 casualties in the Russian army since June 1, according to the latest reports made public by the Central Identification Office at Kiev, says an Overseas News Agency statement today.

Included in this number, continues the statement, "are 85,981 officers. Among officers who have recently fallen are two generals, six colonels and lieutenant-colonels in command of regiments. The largest number of casualties was among the Siberian contingents and the Caucasian cavalry."

RED-ROSE

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